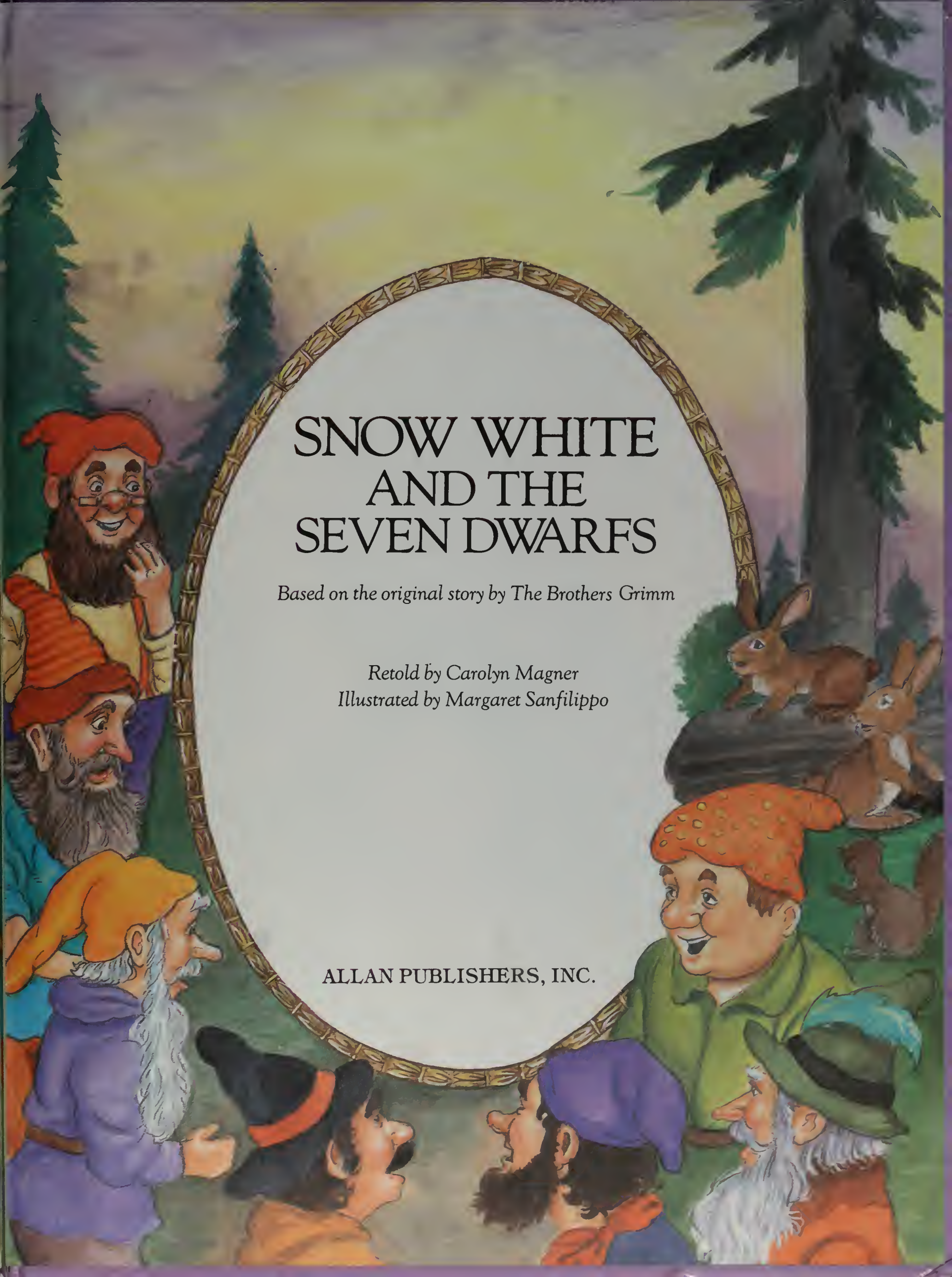


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SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Based on the original story by The Brothers Grimm

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A beautiful young girl, called Snow White, once lived in a magnificent castle. Her hair was silky black, her skin as fair as snow, and her lips as red as rubies. Each day Snow White and her puppy happily played in the large castle. There they lived with her father, the gentle king, and her stepmother, the evil queen.

The Queen owned a magic mirror. Several times a day she said to the mirror, "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?"

"You are, my Queen," the mirror always replied. But each day Snow White grew more beautiful.







One morning the mirror replied, "My Queen, your beauty is grand, but Snow White is the fairest in the land."

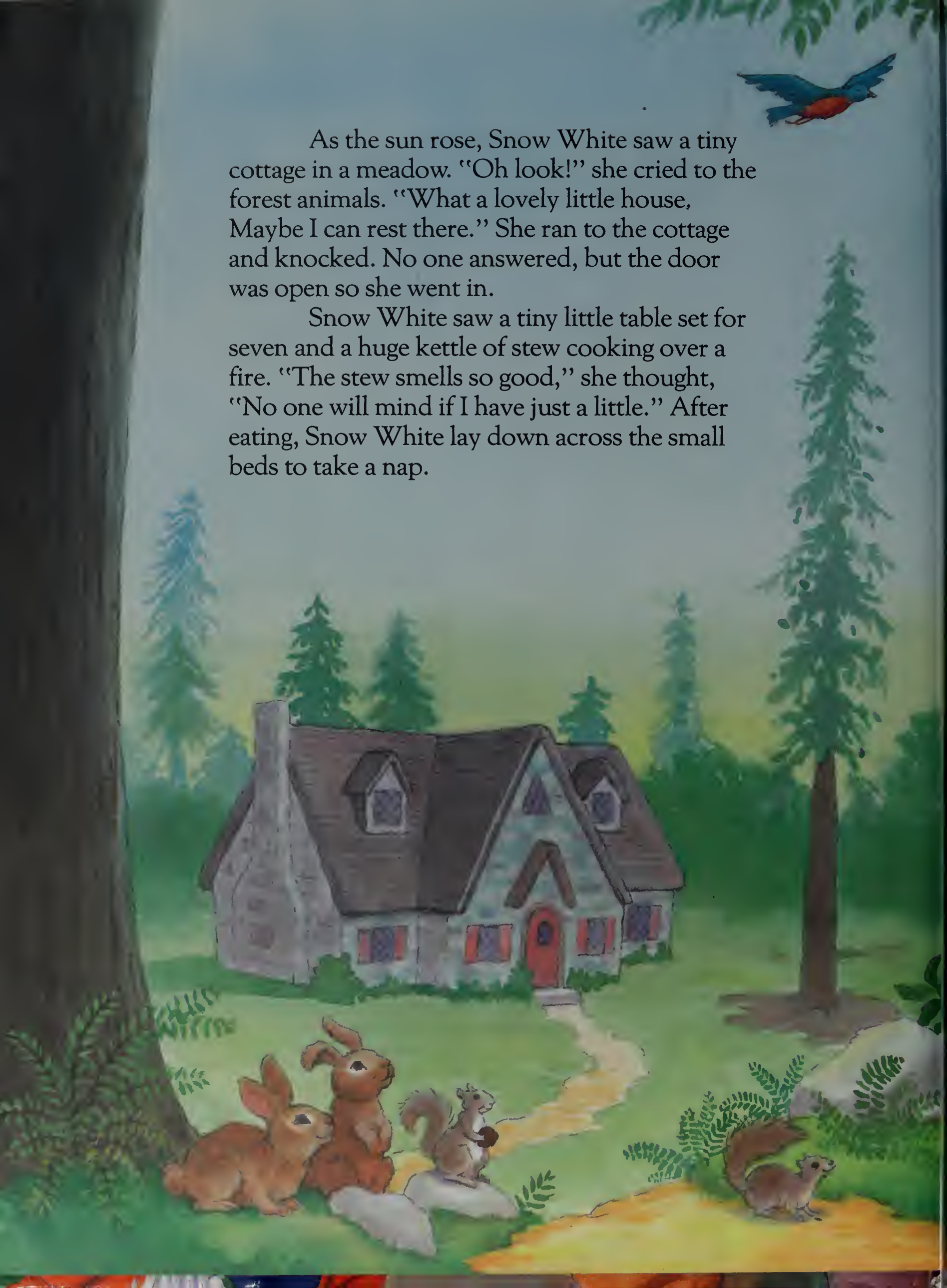
The Queen grew very angry. "What? Snow White is more beautiful than I? This cannot be! Huntsman!" she screamed, "Take Snow White into the forest and kill her."

But the kind huntsman could not kill Snow White. So he took her deep into the forest and told her to hide from her stepmother. "Never return to the castle," he said.

Alone in the deep, dark forest, Snow White wandered for hours. The trees seemed to come to life. She thought they might reach out to grab her. "What am I going to do?" she cried.

Snow White was afraid of the whistling wind and the night creatures, but not one of them harmed her because she was so sweet and beautiful.





As the sun rose, Snow White saw a tiny cottage in a meadow. "Oh look!" she cried to the forest animals. "What a lovely little house, Maybe I can rest there." She ran to the cottage and knocked. No one answered, but the door was open so she went in.

Snow White saw a tiny little table set for seven and a huge kettle of stew cooking over a fire. "The stew smells so good," she thought, "No one will mind if I have just a little." After eating, Snow White lay down across the small beds to take a nap.





When Snow White awoke, she was surrounded by seven little men. "Welcome to our home," they cried, "Do not be afraid, we are the Seven Dwarfs. You looked so pretty and peaceful, we did not want to disturb you."

"Thank you," Snow White said shyly, "My name is Snow White." She told the Dwarfs how she was forced to hide from her wicked stepmother. "If you let me stay here, I would sew and cook and clean for you."





The Seven Dwarfs agreed to let Snow White stay. They quickly grew to love her. When they arrived home after work, Snow White greeted them with a hot meal and a happy smile.

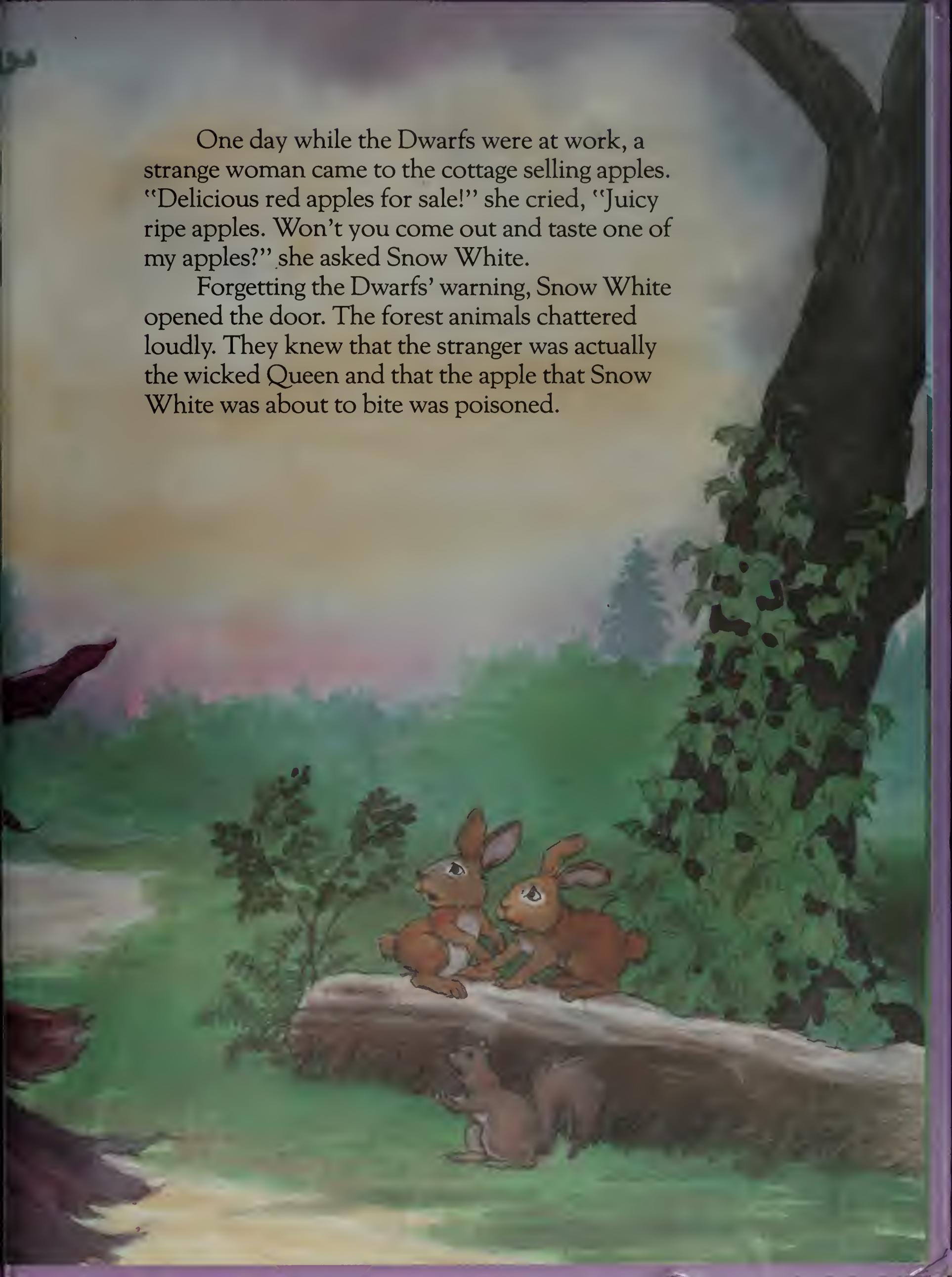
One night, as they sang songs in front of a crackling fire, the Dwarfs told Snow White that her evil stepmother knew where she was. "The Queen may try to find you and hurt you," warned the Dwarfs. "She is a clever witch and can easily disguise herself, so you must not talk to any strangers," they insisted.





One day while the Dwarfs were at work, a strange woman came to the cottage selling apples. "Delicious red apples for sale!" she cried, "Juicy ripe apples. Won't you come out and taste one of my apples?" she asked Snow White.

Forgetting the Dwarfs' warning, Snow White opened the door. The forest animals chattered loudly. They knew that the stranger was actually the wicked Queen and that the apple that Snow White was about to bite was poisoned.

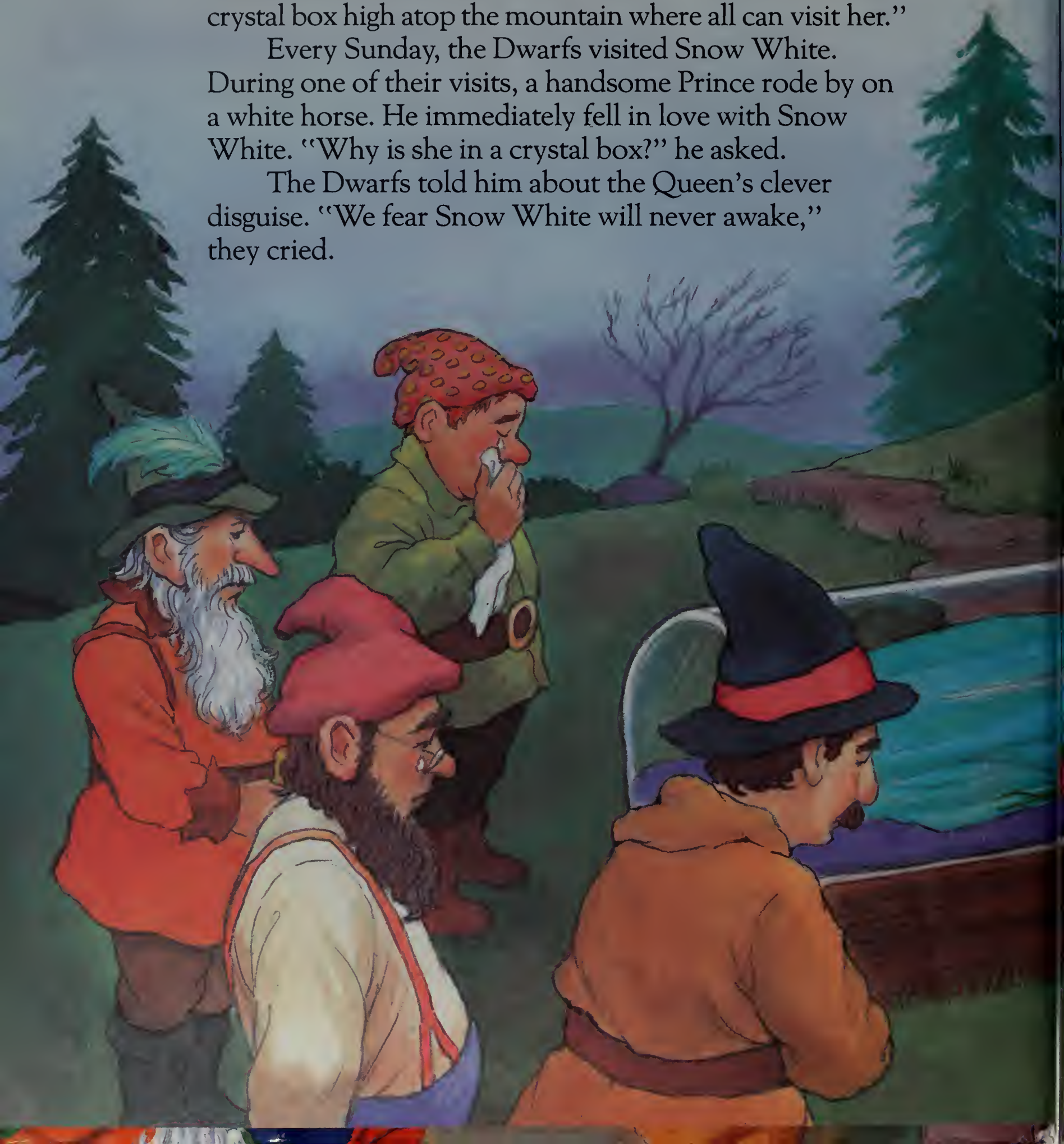


When the Dwarfs came home, they found Snow White asleep on the ground. They could not wake her. "The wicked Queen did this!" cried one Dwarf.

"Snow White was a friend to all the creatures of the forest," sobbed another Dwarf. "We'll place her in a crystal box high atop the mountain where all can visit her."

Every Sunday, the Dwarfs visited Snow White. During one of their visits, a handsome Prince rode by on a white horse. He immediately fell in love with Snow White. "Why is she in a crystal box?" he asked.

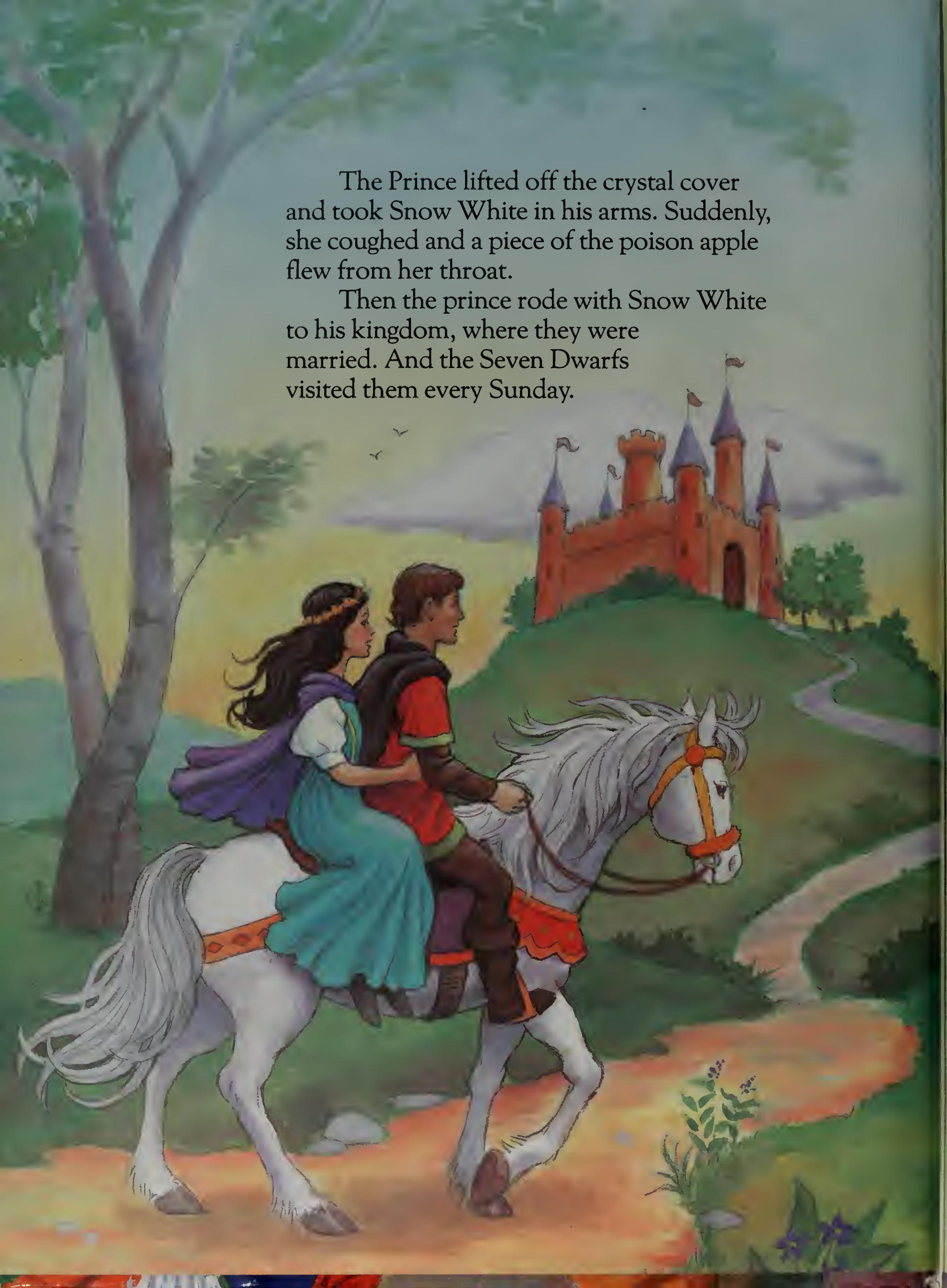
The Dwarfs told him about the Queen's clever disguise. "We fear Snow White will never awake," they cried.





The Prince lifted off the crystal cover and took Snow White in his arms. Suddenly, she coughed and a piece of the poison apple flew from her throat.

Then the prince rode with Snow White to his kingdom, where they were married. And the Seven Dwarfs visited them every Sunday.









This classic tale by the Brothers Grimm, retold by Carolyn Magner, will melt anyone's heart. Full-color illustrations by Margaret Sanfilippo abound in this treasured story of a beautiful princess with ruby red lips, coal black hair, and snow white skin.

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